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COUNTY BOARD APPROVES CONTRACT WITH NURSES UNION

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Johnny L. Thomas, Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee, are responding to the County Board's approval of a contract extension with the Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals. The agreement for 2012 calls for a wage freeze, reduced pension benefits, higher employee health care premiums and co-pays, and initiation of an employee-paid pension contribution. Similar reforms have been in place for all non-represented employees since 2010.

"I am very enthusiastic about approving this contract. The nurses union has always been proactive in working favorably with Milwaukee County to meet our objectives, and I thank them for that," Chairman Holloway said. "I wish other unions would have taken a similar approach."

"Today's approval of this contract means Milwaukee County will realize true savings and be in a better position as we work on the upcoming 2012 County Budget," Supervisor Thomas said. "I thank Chairman Holloway for brokering this agreement. His involvement was key to this resolution. Without his leadership, today's agreement would not have been possible."

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